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Dear Dean Elvehjem:

Miss HELEN L. BYERS is working, during the summer months, as a full-time assistant to me. She is not, during this time, engaged in her own research nor does she have time devoted to classwork. Under the circumstances, I would recommend that she not be obliged to register for the summer session.

If this cannot be avoided, would it be possible to increase her stipend by a compensatory amount? Under the grant PF53:326 (under which she holds a 12-month appointment), there is another award for a 12-month appointment for which I have a candidate who will start only in September, and this might be a possible source.

If this is also unacceptable, I will look for this compensation from other sources.

Yours respectfully,

Joshua Lederberg  
Associate Professor of Genetics

P.S. This full-time arrangement with Miss Byers will terminate at the end of the summer, when she is to continue as a regular half-time assistant. I was not able to find another assistant for the summer months.